

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The suction bell represented in Fig. 2 consists in essence of a vacuum-tight chamber 30, into which leads the pipe-shaped molten extrusion 10. This chamber is equipped with a vacuum connection 5, and provision is made inside the chamber for measuring instruments ~~(not represented in the drawing)~~ 12, which control the outside diameter of the molten extrusion and, depending on the desired widening of the molten extrusion, now control the vacuum, so that this is higher or lower. Thus, there takes place a regulating of the vacuum in dependence on the desired pipe geometry, i.e. of the desired pipe outside diameter.